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FROM THE COMMITTEE ROOM.

FELLOW MEMBERS,—

Our third Annual Meeting has now been held and with this issue of our Journal each Member will receive a copy of the Annual Report. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Smithson, and though the meeting itself was not as largely attended as it might have been, those members who did put in an appearance entered most heartily into the business of the evening. After the Report and Balance Sheet had been read and adopted, the Election of Officers took place with the following results.

Mr. Henry Nutter was re-elected President, and the following were elected Vice-Presidents : Tattersall Wilkinson, J. W. Kneeshaw, T. Booth, S. Holden, F. C. Long, Rev. J. S. Doxey, J. Mackenzie, M.D., P. J. Roberts, F.G.S., A. Wilmore, F.G.S., L. Heap, W. Smithson was re-elected Treasurer ; R. Radcliffe, Financial Secretary ; S. Holden, Auditor ; John Allen, General Secretary. The following constitute the Council for the coming year : J. W. Eastwood, J. Gordon, S. Austerberry, J. Croke, A. Wright, W. Middleton, J. U. Smith, and John Dean.

Herewith the Committee present the Balance Sheet read by Mr. R. Radcliffe, Financial Secretary:—

BALANCE SHEET FROM APRIL 20, 1895, TO APRIL 14th, 1896.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Tea Meeting	1	17	0	By Rent of Room	7	16	0
„ Refreshments	3	10	0	„ Rates	2	3	3
„ Subscriptions	20	5	0	„ Gas	10	3	
	£	s.	d.				
Donations A Friend ...	1	0	0		2	13	6
„ T. Booth ...	10	0		Tradesmen's Accounts—			
„ J. Allen ...	13	0		J. Gordon	17	7	
„ S. Austerberry ...	10	0		J. Vann	8	0	
„ F. C. Long ...	6	6		J. Grant	12	6	
„ L. Heap ...	2	0		W. Smithson	1	0	8
„ J. Crook ...	10	0		J. Holt	1	6	10
„ W. Stanworth ...	10	0		J. Holt	2	2	0
„ Com. Beecham ...	5	6		Burnley Carriage Co. ...	3	6	6
„ W. Smithson ...	15	8		Burnley Carriage Co. ...	1	11	0
	5	2	8	J. Smith	11	8	
To Balance, per J. Allen ...	2	19	2	W. Pascoe	10	6	
„ Fares to Crawshaw Hall ...	1	2	6	W. L. Ham	19	0	
„ Fares to Bacup	3	11	4	W. L. Ham	15	0	
„ Bank	3	0	0	J. Dixon	3	9	
„ Treasurer	1	1	4	J. Baldwin	1	5	0
„ Advertisements	2	2	7	Burnley Gazette ...	1	16	6
„ Sundry Collections	1	8	2		17	6	6
„ Concerts	5	2	6	By Treasurer	7	10	0
„ Teaparty	3	16	0	„ Treasurer	10	0	
				„ Bank	3	0	0
				„ Expenses in connection with			
				„ Holding's Poems	1	9	6
				„ Expenses of Lecturers, Post-			
				„ ages, Stationery, etc. ...	9	12	11
				„ Balance	4	19	10
	£54	18	3		£54	18	3

By Rule 7 the Annual Meeting fixes the Subscription to be paid for the coming year. This year the members decided that the Subscription shall be 5/-. The Council have reason to believe that this sum will meet with general approval, as it has several times been suggested by members. The increase of 1/- per annum will certainly relieve the strain occasionally felt by the Financial Secretary to meet the ordinary expenditure of the year.

An alteration of Rule 3 was submitted and adopted, and it now reads as follows :

“The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Honorary Members, and “Associates. Honorary Members shall be elected only at the Annual, or at a “Special Meeting, and on the nomination of the Committee or of six members. “No one shall, however, be elected an Honorary Member who has not made some “contribution to Literature, Science, or Art.”

“ Associates may be elected for services rendered to the Society—financial or otherwise. They shall be elected in the same manner as Honorary Members, but the names of all Associates shall be submitted to each Annual Meeting for re-election. Both Honorary Members and Associates shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter affecting the Government of the Society.”

The Annual Tea held on Wednesday night, April 8th, was most successful, over 70 members and friends being present, and our room was uncomfortably filled. Mr. Tattersall Wilkinson presided over the meeting and concert which was afterwards held, and to all the kind friends who assisted on the occasion the thanks of the members are due.

Our Syllabus during the past Winter underwent some slight changes, and the Committee have been asked to re-print it in the Journal. It is therefore inserted with the alterations that took place.

SYLLABUS, 1895-6.

1895.

Oct. 9.—OPENING NIGHT.

„ 16.—“ The Nebular Hypothesis.” THE PRESIDENT.

„ 23.—“ The Smoke Question in Burnley.” J. B. MASSEY, Sanitary Inspector.

„ 30.—“ Hamlet, Prince of Denmark.” JAMES BERRY.

Nov. 6.—“ British Forest Trees.” G. B. RAWCLIFFE.

„ 12 (Tues.)—“ The Borderland of Animal Life.” G. R. BEAUMONT, Rochdale.

„ 20.—“ Old Burnley.” Illustrated by the Lantern. J. CHEW.

„ 27.—CONCERT. W. MIDDLETON.

Dec. 4.—“ Immunity from Disease.” JAMES MACKENZIE, M.D.

„ 11.—“ A Night with Sam. Bamford.” WYNFORD BRIERLEY.

„ 18.—“ Evolution.” SAM. HOLDEN.

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Jan. 1.—“ The Weather.” Illustrated by weather charts, barometers old and new, etc. P. J. ROBERTS, F.G.S.

„ 8.—“ Lancashire Life in Fiction.” J. W. KNEESHAW.

„ 15.—“ A Peep into a Modern School.” A. R. PICKLES.

„ 22.—“ P. Gilbert Hamerton and Henry Houlding.” F. J. GRANT, J.P.

„ 29.—“ Light.” With Experiments. JAMES CROOK.

Feb. 5.—“ The Glacial Epoch in Burnley and District.” A. WILMORE, F.G.S.

„ 12.—“ The Drama in England before Shakespeare.” J. LANGFIELD WARD, M.A.

„ 19.—“ The uses and pleasures of Pictures.” A collection of oil and water colours exhibited. J. R. LEE.

„ 26.—“ The Natural History of a local Hedgebank.” F. C. LONG.

Mar. 4.—“ The Burnley Coal Field.” J. W. EASTWOOD.

„ 11.—“ Local Glimpses.” HENRY HOULDING.

„ 18.—“ Henry Russell as Song Writer.” A selection of Russell's songs given. COUN. RICHARD BEECHAM.

„ 25.—“ A Night with the Microscope.” L. HEAP.

April 1.—General Meeting, Report and Balance Sheet, Election of Officers, etc.

A Summer Syllabus has been drawn up and will be in the hands of members shortly. The first item is a ramble through Long Dick Wood to the site of Hapton Tower. This ramble will take place on Saturday next, May 16th. Members and friends proceed by train from Bank Top at 2-25, Barracks at 2-28, to Rosegrove, where the party will be met by a guide. Members who are at liberty are earnestly invited to attend.

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